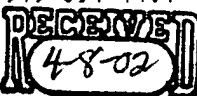


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed February 12, 2002.

The status of the claims after this amendment is that previously pending Claims 1-44 are still pending with Claims 1-28 allowed. New Claims 45-56 are added by this amendment. The amendments to the previously pending claims presented herein, as discussed below, are to introduce recitations presented in a January 1994 amendment during prosecution of the patent under examination. The newly added claims correspond to, in various cases mobile station, base station or system (mobile and base station) claims corresponding to previously pending independent Claims 29, 33 and 43 and 30, 34 and 44 and are supported by the present application for the same reasons these claims are supported. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.173, the claims are presented below entirely underlined as only claims not in the original patent are amended. However, attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment to make the amendments clear to the Examiner. The marked up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

In The Claims:

Please replace Claims 29, 33 and 43 with the following.

29 (Twice Amended) A method for transmitting control information and user traffic signals from a first base station to a plurality of mobile stations in a code division